

## RIGHT ANGLE TRIANGLES - (DON'T FORGET AREA = $\frac{1}{2}$ BASE X HEIGHT)

If a triangle has a **right angle triangle**, use **Pythagoras** or **SOH CAH TOA**

PYTHAGORAS' THEOREM find missing **lengths** only  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

**Hypotenuse** is the side opposite the right angle and the longest side

$$c^2 = 3^2 + 4^2$$

$$c^2 = 9 + 16$$

**HYPOTENUSE ADD**

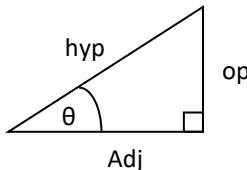
$$7^2 = 4^2 + b^2$$

$$b^2 = 7^2 - 4^2$$

**SHORT SIDE SUBTRACT**

*Pythagoras Theorem*  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$  The square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the square of the two shortest sides.

## TRIGONOMETRY for questions **with**, or requiring an **angle**



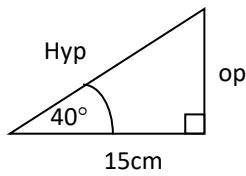
for angle  $\theta$ ,  
Hyp = hypotenuse  
Opp = opposite side  
Adj = Adjacent side

**FINDING LENGTHS USE SIN, COS, TAN**

**FINDING ANGLES USE  $\sin^{-1}$ ,  $\cos^{-1}$ ,  $\tan^{-1}$**

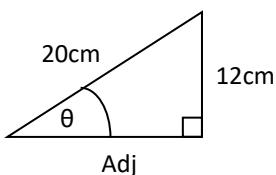
$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{Opp}}{\text{Hyp}}, \cos \theta = \frac{\text{Adj}}{\text{Hyp}}, \tan \theta = \frac{\text{Opp}}{\text{Adj}} \quad \text{SOH CAH TOA}$$

Find the **length** of the hypotenuse side and Opposite side.



We know the Adjacent side = 15cm Angle = 40° **SOH CAH TOA**

- To calc Opposite side, use  $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{Opp}}{\text{Adj}}$   
 $\tan 40^\circ = \frac{\text{Opp}}{15}$        $15 \times \tan 40^\circ = \text{Opp}$        $\text{Opp} = 12.59\text{cm}$
- To calc Hypotenuse side use.  $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{Adj}}{\text{Hyp}}$   
 $\cos 40^\circ = \frac{15}{\text{Hyp}}$        $\text{Hyp} = \frac{15}{\cos 40^\circ}$        $\text{Hyp} = 19.58\text{cm}$



Calculate the Adjacent side and angle  $\theta$ .

We know, the Hypotenuse and opposite side **SOH CAH TOA**

- To calc Adj side use Pythagoras Theorem  
 $\text{Adj}^2 = 20^2 - 12^2$        $\text{Adj} = 16$

- To calc size of angle  $\theta$ . Use  $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{Opp}}{\text{Hyp}}$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{12}{20} \quad \theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{12}{20} \quad \theta = 36.87^\circ$$

**Need the angle  $\theta$ , use  $\sin^{-1}$  to get rid of Sin**